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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 6, line 2 of paragraph 17; "reader/writer SLB" is incorrect. It should be --reader/writer SLG--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 16 is objected to because of the following informalities: Line 3 of claim 16, "ISO/IEC 1443" is incorrect. It should be --ISO/IEC 14443--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Regarding claim 1, the phrase "like the count" renders the claim(s) indefinite because the claim(s) include(s) elements not actually disclosed (those encompassed by "like the count"), thereby rendering the scope of the claim(s) unascertainable. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

5. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted elements are: the first, transmitted sequence is transmitted to the receiver and at the receiver the second final value is calculated using the count calculation method for the first final value and an error signal is generated if the first final value and the second final value differs.

6. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Regarding claim 1, the phrase "like the count" renders the claim(s) indefinite because the claim(s) include(s) elements not actually disclosed (those encompassed by "like the count"), thereby rendering the scope of the claim(s) unascertainable. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

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7. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements. See MPEP § 2172.01.

The omitted elements are: the first, transmitted sequence is transmitted to the receiver and at the receiver the second final value is calculated using the count calculation method for the first final value and an error signal is generated if the first final value and the second final value differs.

8. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 1, the phrase "like the count" renders the claim(s) indefinite because the claim(s) include(s) elements not actually disclosed (those encompassed by "like the count"), thereby rendering the scope of the claim(s) unascertainable. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

9. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements. See MPEP § 2172.01.

The omitted elements are: the first, transmitted sequence is transmitted to the receiver and at the receiver the second final value is calculated using the count calculation method for the first final value and an error signal is generated if the first final value and the second final value differs.

10. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 1, the phrase "like the count" renders the claim(s) indefinite because the claim(s) include(s) elements not actually disclosed (those encompassed by "like the count"), thereby rendering the scope of the claim(s) unascertainable. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

11. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements. See MPEP § 2172.01.

The omitted elements are: the first, transmitted sequence is transmitted to the receiver and at the receiver the second final value is calculated using the count calculation method for the first final value and an error signal is generated if the first final value and the second final value differs.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

12. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness

rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

13. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

14. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masao (JP 59045738) in view of Barton et al. (US 3,886,522).

As per claim 1, Masao teaches a method for protected transmission of data whose coding is represented by a first, transmitted sequence having a predetermined number of on and off values (abstract, Masao). However Masao does not explicitly teach the specific use of forming a count, which represents the predetermined number, by changing a counting direction after each on-value and by incrementing or decrementing the count for each off-value; and generating error information, if a first final value, which, together with the data, is transmitted as a second, coded sequence of the count, differs from a second final value, which, like the count, is formed from the first, transmitted sequence.

Barton et al. in an analogous art teach the outputs of both the write pointer and read pointer...the interface logic 61 (fig. 2, col. 5, line 59-col. 6, line 11, Barton et al.). Barton et al. also teach that the input control circuit...both lines 173 and 175 are binary 0 (fig. 2, 6, col. 9, line 17-col. 10, line 38, Barton et al.). Barton et al. teach that the last field of every file...description field 203 (fig. 2, col. 10, line 65-col. 11, line 30, Barton et al.).

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Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Masao's patent with the teachings of Barton et al. by including an additional step of forming a count, which represents the predetermined number, by changing a counting direction after each on-value and by incrementing or decrementing the count for each off-value; and generating error information, if a first final value, which, together with the data, is transmitted as a second, coded sequence of the count, differs from a second final value, which, like the count, is formed from the first, transmitted sequence.

This modification would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, because one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that it would provide the opportunity to detect a data transmission error.

15. Claims 2-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masao (JP 59045738) and Barton et al. (US 3,886,522) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Roche (US 4,138,596).

As per claim 2, Masao and Barton et al. substantially teach the claimed invention described in claim 1 (as rejected above).

However Masao and Barton et al. do not explicitly teach the specific use of the method, wherein the first, transmitted sequence is structured in a sequence of time slot frames.

Roche in an analogous art teaches that according to the recommendations... the time slots are numbered from 0 to 31 (col. 1, lines 13-23, Roche).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Masao's patent with the teachings of Roche by including an additional step of using the method, wherein the first, transmitted sequence is structured in a sequence of time slot frames.

This modification would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, because one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that using the method, wherein the first, transmitted sequence is structured in a sequence of time slot frames would provide the opportunity to transmit the signal using pulse code modulation.

- As per claim 3, Masao, Barton et al. and Roche teach the additional limitations.

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Roche teaches the method, wherein a time slot frame representing a data item is coded by the predetermined number of on and off values (col. 1, lines 13-23, lines 30-33, Roche).

16. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masao (JP 59045738), Barton et al. (US 3,886,522) and Roche (US 4,138,596) as applied to claim 2 above, and further in view of Sainomoto et al. (US 2001/0054109 A1).

As per claim 4, Masao, Barton et al. and Roche substantially teach the claimed invention described in claim 2 (as rejected above).

However Masao, Barton et al. and Roche do not explicitly teach the specific use of the method, wherein the sequence of time slot frames is followed by a respectively structured signature frame, which includes the coded sequence of the count.

Sainomoto et al. in an analogous art teach that when the order information is inserted, the order information insertion control unit 1015 adds 1 to the count of the order number counter 1016 and inserts as the order number the added count in the frame (page 5, paragraph 65, Sainomoto et al.).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Masao's patent with the teachings of Sainomoto et al. by including an additional step of using the method, wherein the sequence of time slot frames is followed by a respectively structured signature frame, which includes the coded sequence of the count.

This modification would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, because one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that using the method, wherein the sequence of time slot frames is followed by a respectively structured signature frame, which includes the coded sequence of the count would provide the opportunity to use the signature frame at the receiver to detect data transmission error.

17. Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masao (JP 59045738) and Barton et al. (US 3,886,522) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Boros (US 4,095,165).

As per claim 5, Masao and Barton et al. substantially teach the claimed invention described in claim 1 (as rejected above).

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However Masao and Barton et al. do not explicitly teach the specific use of the method, wherein the count assumes periodic values.

Boros in an analogous art teaches that the periodic count responsive to the voltage controlled oscillator frequency attains a certain numerical value equaling the reference count (col. 3, lines 3-6, Boros).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Masao's patent with the teachings of Boros by including an additional step of using the method, wherein the count assumes periodic values.

This modification would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, because one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that using the method, wherein the count assumes periodic values would provide the opportunity to use a counter to determine a final result value.

- As per claim 6, Masao, Barton et al. and Boros teach the additional limitations.

Boros teaches the method, wherein the periodic values of the count are numerical values in a numerical system (col. 3, lines 3-6, Boros).

18. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masao (JP 59045738) and Barton et al. (US 3,886,522) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Fairbairn (US 4,181,850).

As per claim 7, Masao and Barton et al. substantially teach the claimed invention described in claim 1 (as rejected above).

However Masao and Barton et al. do not explicitly teach the specific use of the method, wherein the coding of all the on and off values to be transmitted is carried out in a manner that an on-value is followed by at least one off-value.

Fairbairn in an analogous art teaches that this is a well known code in which a '1' is represented by a 1 followed by a 0 (col. 4, lines 41-43, Fairbairn).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Masao's patent with the teachings of Fairbairn by including an additional step of using the

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method, wherein the coding of all the on and off values to be transmitted is carried out in a manner that an on-value is followed by at least one off-value.

This modification would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, because one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that using the method, wherein the coding of all the on and off values to be transmitted is carried out in a manner that an on-value is followed by at least one off-value would provide the opportunity to determine an error in the transmission if an on-value is followed by an on-value is received at the receiver.

19. Claims 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masao (JP 59045738) and Barton et al. (US 3,886,522) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Sato et al. (US 4,087,627).

As per claim 8, Masao and Barton et al. substantially teach the claimed invention described in claim 1 (as rejected above).

However Masao and Barton et al. do not explicitly teach the specific use of the method, wherein an on-value is formed by a pulse sequence.

Sato et al. in an analogous art teaches to produce a sequence of input pulses G, as indicated at P1, P2, P3, and P4, whenever the input signal A is subjected to a transition in its binary values (fig. 2, col. 4, lines 47-49, Sato et al.).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Masao's patent with the teachings of Sato et al by including an additional step of using the method, wherein an on-value is formed by a pulse sequence.

This modification would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, because one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that using the method, wherein an on-value is formed by a pulse sequence would provide the opportunity to transmit the signal using pulse code modulation.

- As per claim 9, Masao, Barton et al. and Sato et al. teach the additional limitations.

Sato et al. teach the method, wherein the pulse sequence has an even number of pulses and pauses with a same duty ratio (fig. 2, col. 3, lines 42-46, col. 4, lines 47-49, Sato et al.).

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- As per claim 10, Masao, Barton et al. and Sato et al. teach the additional limitations.

Sato et al. teach the method, wherein a pulse is associated with a predetermined number of carrier oscillations (col. 3, lines 42-44, Sato et al.).

20. Claims 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masao (JP 59045738) in view of Barton et al. (US 3,886,522) and Gomm et al. (US 5,650,761).

As per claim 11, Masao teaches (a) to transmit data whose coding is represented by a first, transmitted sequence having a predetermined number of on and off values (abstract, Masao).

However Masao does not explicitly teach the specific use of (b) forming a count, which represents the predetermined number of on and off values, by changing a counting direction after each on-value and by incrementing or decrementing the count for each off-value; and (c) generating error information, if a first final value, which, together with the data, is transmitted as a second, coded sequence of the count, differs from a second final value, which, like the count, is formed from the first, transmitted sequence.

Barton et al. in an analogous art teach the outputs of both the write pointer and read pointer...the interface logic 61 (fig. 2, col. 5, line 59-col. 6, line 11, Barton et al.). Barton et al. also teach that the input control circuit...both lines 173 and 175 are binary 0 (fig. 2, 6, col. 9, line 17-col. 10, line 38, Barton et al.). Barton et al. teach that the last field of every file...description field 203 (fig. 2, col. 10, line 65-col. 11, line 30, Barton et al.).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Masao's patent with the teachings of Barton et al. by including an additional step of (b) forming a count, which represents the predetermined number of on and off values, by changing a counting direction after each on-value and by incrementing or decrementing the count for each off-value; and (c) generating error information, if a first final value, which, together with the data, is transmitted as a second, coded sequence of the count, differs from a second final value, which, like the count, is formed from the first, transmitted sequence.

This modification would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, because one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that it would provide the opportunity to detect a data transmission error.

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Masao also does not explicitly teach the specific use of a mobile data memory for non-contacting interchange of a sequence of data items with a reader/writer, the mobile data memory comprising a first coding device configured.

However Gomm et al. in an analogous art teach mobile data collecting means...memory (col. 14, lines 11-18, Gomm et al.).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Masao's patent with the teachings of Gomm et al. by including an additional step of using a mobile data memory for non-contacting interchange of a sequence of data items with a reader/writer, the mobile data memory comprising a first coding device configured.

This modification would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, because one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that it would provide the opportunity to transmit data from the reader/writer to the mobile data memory.

- As per claim 12, Masao, Barton et al. and Gomm et al. teach the additional limitations.

Masao teaches a cycle counter for forming the count; and a comparison unit for generating a first error message, if the first final value of the count differs from the second final value (abstract, Masao).

- As per claim 13, Masao, Barton et al. and Gomm et al. teach the additional limitations.

Gomm et al. teach a reader/writer for non-contacting interchange of a sequence of data items with a mobile data memory, the reader/writer comprising a second coding device (col. 14, lines 11-18, Gomm et al.).

Masao teaches (a) to transmit data whose coding is represented by a first, transmitted sequence having a predetermined number of on and off values (abstract, Masao).

Barton et al. teach (b) to form a count, which represents the predetermined number of on and off values, by changing a counting direction after each on-value and by incrementing or decrementing the count for each off-value; and (c) to generate error information, if a first final value, which, together with the data, is transmitted as a second, coded sequence of the count, differs from a second final value, which, like the count, is formed from the first, transmitted sequence (fig. 2, 6, col. 5, line 59-col. 6, line 11, col. 9, line 17-col. 10, line 38, col. 10, line 65-col. 11, line 30, Barton et al.).

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- As per claim 14, Masao, Barton et al. and Gomm et al. teach the additional limitations.

Masao teaches a cycle counter for forming the count; and a comparison unit for generating a second error message, if the first final value of the count differs from the second final value (abstract, Masao).

- As per claim 15, Masao, Barton et al. and Gomm et al. teach the additional limitations.

Gomm et al. teach an identification system, comprising at least one mobile data memory; and a reader/writer; wherein the mobile data memory and the reader/writer interchange sequences of data via a non-contacting data transmission path (col. 14, lines 11-18, Gomm et al.).

Masao teaches that a coding of the data is represented by a first, transmitted sequence having a predetermined number of on and off values (abstract, Masao).

Barton et al. teach a cycle counter configured to form a count, which represents the predetermined number of on and off values, by changing a counting direction after each on-value and by incrementing or decrementing the count for each off-value; and a comparison unit to generate error information, if a first final value, which, together with the data, is transmitted as a second, coded sequence of the count, differs from a second final value, which, like the count, is formed from the first, transmitted sequence (fig. 2, 6, col. 5, line 59-col. 6, line 11, col. 9, line 17-col. 10, line 38, col. 10, line 65-col. 11, line 30, Barton et al.).

21. Claims 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masao (JP 59045738), Barton et al. (US 3,886,522) and Gomm et al. (US 5,650,761) as applied to claim 15 above, and further in view of Kuttruff et al. (US 2002/0080864 A1) and Eckstein et al. (US 2001/0040507 A1). As per claim 16, Masao, Barton et al. and Gomm et al. substantially teach the claimed invention described in claim 15 (as rejected above).

However Masao, Barton et al. and Gomm et al. do not explicitly teach the specific use of ISO/IEC 14443 standard.

Kuttruff et al. in an analogous art teach that these standards, such as the ISO/IEC 10536, ISO/IEC 14443 or ISO/IEC 15693, prescribe the data rate of the exchanged data, their coding, the type of modulation, and the carrier frequency of the transmitted signals (page 1, paragraph 4, Kuttruff et al.).

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Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Masao's patent with the teachings of Kuttruff et al. by including an additional step of using the ISO/IEC 14443 standard.

This modification would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, because one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that using the ISO/IEC 14443 standard would provide the opportunity to use data rate of the exchanged data and the carrier frequency of the transmitted signals mentioned in the ISO/IEC 14443 standard.

Masao, Barton et al. and Gomm et al. also do not explicitly teach specifically that the identification system is configured to operate in an ISM frequency band.

However Eckstein et al. in an analogous art teach that the resonant frequency of the first resonant circuit lays in an Industrial, Scientific and Medical (ISM) frequency band as assigned by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), (page 3, paragraph 30, Eckstein et al.).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Masao's patent with the teachings of Eckstein et al. by including an additional step of using the identification system configured to operate in an ISM frequency band.

This modification would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, because one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that using the identification system configured to operate in an ISM frequency band would provide the opportunity to use a transmitter to generate a pulse amplitude modulated signal having a carrier frequency in the range of 13.5 MHz.

- As per claim 17, Masao, Barton et al., Gomm et al., Kuttruff et al. and Eckstein et al. teach the additional limitations.

Kuttruff et al. teach the ISO/IEC 15693 standard (page 1, paragraph 4, Kuttruff et al.).

Eckstein et al. teach that the identification system is configured to operate in an ISM frequency band (page 3, paragraph 30, Eckstein et al.).

- As per claim 18, Masao, Barton et al., Gomm et al., Kuttruff et al. and Eckstein et al. teach the additional limitations.

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Eckstein et al. teach that the ISM frequency band comprises a 13.56 MHz frequency band (page 3, paragraph 30, Eckstein et al.).

- As per claim 19, Masao, Barton et al., Gomm et al., Kuttruff et al. and Eckstein et al. teach the additional limitations.

Eckstein et al. teach that the ISM frequency band comprises a 13.56 MHz frequency band (page 3, paragraph 30, Eckstein et al.).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dipakkumar Gandhi whose telephone number is 571-272-3822. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

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